

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1 through 20 are pending. No new matter is added.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to further clarify and describe the present claimed invention. Support for the term "pre-applied" is found in the specification on paragraph numbers 36 and 49, as well as elsewhere throughout the specification. As described in the specification, embodiments of the present invention use an adhesive that is located on a fabric layer and a release liner is placed on adhesive. These embodiments allow the adhesive to be pre-applied, *i.e.* applied at place of manufacturer so that the roofing membrane may be rolled and transported.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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